

**KATE McKENNA, AICP**  
**Executive Officer**

**SPHERE OF INFLUENCE AND ANNEXATION POLICY COMMITTEE**

Vince DiMaggio, LAFCO Commissioner - *Public Member (Committee Chair)*

Louis R. Calcagno, LAFCO Commissioner - *County Member*

Dennis Donohue, LAFCO Commissioner - *City Member*

**MEETING NOTES**

**SPHERE OF INFLUENCE AND ANNEXATION POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**

*Adopted on January 25, 2010*

**Wednesday, December 16, 2009, 10:00 a.m.**

**Board of Supervisors Chambers - Monterey County Government Center**  
**168 W. Alisal St., 1<sup>st</sup> Floor**  
**Salinas, CA**

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m. by Committee Chair DiMaggio.

**2. Roll Call**

Present: Commissioners Calcagno and DiMaggio, Kate McKenna, Executive Officer, Thom McCue, Senior Analyst, Les Girard, LAFCO General Counsel, and Rachelle Jones, LAFCO Clerk

Absent: Commissioner Donohue

**3. Public Comment**

None

**4. Consider Draft Policy on Preservation of Open Space and Agricultural Lands, Including Agriculture Land Buffers**

Executive Officer McKenna provided a report on the draft policy on preservation of open space and agricultural lands, including agriculture land buffers. General Counsel Girard outlined the draft policy.

Committee Chair DiMaggio opened this item for public comment.

Public Comment

Bob Richelieu, Planning Manager, City of Salinas, requested continuance of this draft policy until the city council has had time to have the item on the agenda, and asked staff to include language concerning agreements between the local and adjacent agencies.

Virginia Jamieson, Associate Director of the Ag-Land Trust, conveyed the Ag-Land Trust's support of the draft policy.

Committee Chair DiMaggio closed this item to public comment.

Commissioner Comment and Action

Committee Chair DiMaggio and Counsel Girard responded to the City's comments.

Commissioner Calcagno moved that language be added to the policy clarifying that efficient urban development, along with the preservation of open space and agricultural lands, is a purpose of the policy. General Counsel Girard suggested specific language to meet this request. Committee members discussed the draft policy with Executive Officer McKenna and General Counsel Girard.

Upon motion of Commissioner Calcagno, seconded by Commissioner DiMaggio, the Committee unanimously recommended incorporating language concerning buffers providing an important means to preserve not only open space and agricultural lands, but also preserve the integrity of planned, well ordered efficient urban development pattern, into the draft policy on Preservation of Open Space and Agricultural Lands, Including Agriculture Land Buffers, and to have the draft policy be brought to the next regular LAFCO meeting to be held on January 25, 2010, as a stand-alone policy, for action by the full Commission.

The Committee also considered procedural steps for adopting the policy and recommended that the policy be adopted as a stand-alone policy. If staff determines that the wording of existing policies need to be brought into consistency with the new policy, this clean-up can be brought forward by the Executive Officer in coming months.

[In a follow-up email, Mr. Richelieu stated that he had consulted with the City Attorney and that "the City will not be following up or expressing concern" with the proposed policy as amended by the Committee.]

**5. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no further business.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachelle Jones, LAFCO Clerk